

Sixth Sense

HBS Sixth Form Newsletter



Looks Like We Made It

Another academic year is drawing to a close and we're all obviously very tired (which is why the first issue of this half term's newsletter had the same headline story as last half term's. Apologies!)

With only a couple of days left, we're all counting down the days until we get six weeks to rest, recuperate, and prepare for the onslaught of next year. This year has seen many things: exams, enrichment, events. Members of staff have left us, joined us, or remained steady, working their socks off to help all students progress. Some of our Sixth Form students have decided that this isn't the right place for them, and we wish them all the best for their next steps. A Levels really aren't for everyone, so we're glad that they've come to terms with this and are looking to pursue different life paths. For those on the cusp of joining us, we wish you all the best with your exam results and look forward to working with you as you start the final leg of your education with us. Have a great summer, everyone!



SUMMER

Stay safe, do some work, and have a great summer break!



TOP TIP

Use your summer to relax, but use some of the time to do wider reading for your subjects, or complete a MOOC.



UCAS

Write the first draft of your personal statement - sometimes starting is the hardest thing, so try to break the back of it.



Leavers' Event

On 30 June we all gathered to say goodbye to our Y13s following the completion of their A Levels. The event was catered by Cantina Carnitas.



Founders' Day

For the first time in a few years, we were able to hold the traditional Founders' Day service at St Mary's Church.



Year 12 Mocks

Y12s have now completed their end of year mocks - for the most part they worked well, but some will need to consider their behaviour in public examinations when they face the real thing.

What We've Been Up To

The Y12s are pretty much Y13 now, and will soon start their final year as members of Hitchin Boys' School. The Y11s have completed their GCSEs and are waiting to take the next step in their education.

- ▶ Our Induction for the incoming Y12s has taken place. Over three days, our returning students met the newest members of the school and learnt a little bit about what it means to be a Sixth Former. They were bombarded with a lot of information, so should use the summer to digest what they've been told, complete the Bridging Projects for each of their subjects, and start reading around the topics they're going to be learning about. If they hit the ground running, they'll be onto a winner.
- ▶ Please note that the deadline for new Y12s to change subjects is **30 September**. After this date, no changes will be considered.
- ▶ New Y13s should be exploring post-18 options over the summer break - look into apprenticeships, visit university campuses, start preparing applications, complete online courses (use Unifrog to access MOOCs) - use this time to do something to help make your application stand out!
- ▶ If you don't get the GCSE grades you wanted, you must come and speak with a member of the Sixth Form Team to discuss your options.
- ▶ For the first time at HBS, Y12 are completing a period of work experience. We hope that they have had an insight into the world of work and that this may help them make decisions about their lives post-HBS.



Results Days

We are pleased that, for the first time in quite a while, we will be able to have normal exam results days.

Students are welcome onsite from 9am to get the results of their A Levels (Thursday, 18th August) or their GCSEs (Thursday, 25th August).

Members of the Sixth Form Team will be around to speak with students regarding the outcomes, be that congratulating them, or helping them decide on their next steps.

We recognise it is much easier to say this than do it, but please don't be overly worried about your results - even if you don't manage to get what you wanted, there are always still multiple pathways open to you.

For those going on to Uni, this may be exploring Clearing. For those of you hoping to come back to Sixth Form, this may involve a conversation about changing courses.

Best of luck everyone!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

2nd September - Y12s return

5th September - Y13s return

6th September - Lessons recommence

13th September - Y12 Tutor Evening

22nd September - Late start due to Open Evening

5th October - Y12 Initial Appraisals

21st October - Last day of half term

24th-28th October - Half term break

